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Duxbury allows people to post signs on their lawn

DUXBURY-In case there were any doubts, you can put up political signs on your lawn.

Four residents came before selectmen to protest the removal of signs from their yards, an in the process, cleared up a sort of suburban legend.

Nancy Landgren told how her "Save Darfur" signs were taken down and slapped with stickers stating they were in violation of town bylaws. Pat Garrity had someone tear down a similar sign, who told her it wasn't allowed.

For Mary Lynn Carson, she had a sign on her lawn that during the recent senate election. When she called police she was told it was likely a cop who took down the sign, since it violated a town bylaw. However, the officer

she spoke to couldn't cite the specific ordinance and she was later told by Lt. Lewis Chubb that signs are permitted on private property.

In fact, said Mary Jane Noel, town bylaws specifically allow political signs.

The quartet of activists asked that Town Manager Richard MacDonald notify all town employees that residents could post political signs on their lawns, have police communicate the penalties for tearing down the signs and that selectmen "go on record" that Duxbury allows

people to post signs on their lawn.

MacDonald agreed to take the

action asked of him and selectmen voted in support of the women's request.